12 ~~13~~. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein at least 90 percent of the coated barium titanate-based particles have a particle size less than 0.7 micrometer.

13 ~~14~~. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein at least 90 percent of the coated barium titanate-based particles have a particle size less than 0.6 micrometer.

14 ~~15~~. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the coated barium titanate-based particles have a primary particle size less than 0.5 micrometer.

15 ~~16~~. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the barium titanate-based particles are equiaxed or spherical.

16 ~~17~~. (New) The method of claim 1, comprising maintaining the barium titanate-based particles in an aqueous environment.

Ex 17 Do cancel ~~18~~. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of forming the coating comprises adding a solution comprising a salt of the metal to the wet environment and precipitating the coating.

18 ~~19~~. (New) The method of claim 1, comprising maintaining the barium titanate-based particles in an aqueous environment and the step of forming the coating comprises adding a Ex solution comprising a salt of the metal to the aqueous environment and precipitating the coating.

19 ~~20~~. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising processing the coated barium titanate-based particles to form a dielectric layer of a MLC¢ device.

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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. New claims 11-20 have been added. The newly added claims are supported in the specification. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-20 are now pending.